

THE **LIFE** DIVINE

hymns of the Rig Veda. Here knowledge appears to signify a consciousness of the Truth, the Right, *.satyam rtam*, and of all that is of the order of the Truth and Right; ignorance is an unconsciousness, *.acitti*, of the Truth and Right, an opposition to its workings and a creation of false or adverse workings. Ignorance is the absence of the divine eye of perception which gives us the sight of the **supramental** Truth; it is the non-perceiving principle in our consciousness as opposed to the truth-perceiving conscious vision and knowledge/ In its actual 'operation this non-perceiving is not an entire **incon-science**, the **inconscient** sea from which this world has arisen², but either a limited or a false knowledge, a knowledge based on the division of undivided being, founded upon the fragmentary, the little, opposed to the opulent, vast and luminous completeness of things; it is a cognition which by the opportunity of its limitations is turned into falsehood and supported in that aspect by the Sons of Darkness and Division, enemies of the divine endeavour in man, the assailants, robbers, **coverers** of his light of knowledge. It was therefore regarded as an **undivine Maya**³, that which creates false

mental forms and appearances,—and
hence the
later significance of this word which
seems to have
meant originally a formative power of
knowledge,
the true magic of the supreme Mage, the
divine
Magician, but was also used for the
adverse **forma-**

¹ *acitti a&d citti.* ² *apmketam salilam.* ³ *adevz*

mayd.